

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 31-54 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 59-69 have been added. Claims 24-30 and 55-69 remain in the application. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be allowed and forwarded on to issuance.

Allowed Claims

In the present Office Action, the Office has indicated that claims 24-30 and claims 55-58 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Office for the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled, without prejudice, claims 1-23 and 31-54 which remain rejected. Applicant reserves its right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

New Claims

Applicant has added claims 59-69. Claims 59-65 are method claims, correspond to allowed claims 24-30 and are consonant in scope with those claims. Accordingly, these claims should be summarily allowed.

Likewise, claims 66-69 are method claims, correspond to allowed claims 55-58 and are consonant in scope with those claims. Accordingly, these claims should be summarily allowed.

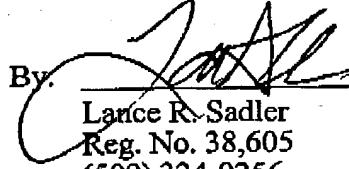
Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Office pass the application along to issuance. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of

1 Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of  
2 scheduling an interview.

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4 Respectfully Submitted,

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